HEARTLAND CONSULTING

1000 Innovative Drive Mitchell, SD 57301 Phone: (605) 995-6120 FAX: (605) 995-0084

Email: larryhettinger@goldenwest.com

RECEIVED

JUL 0 1 2004

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

June 30, 2004

Ms. Pam Bonrud Executive Director Public Utilities Commission State of South Dakota 500 East Capitol Pierre, SD 57501

Ref: 2003 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study Filing

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Per the requirements of ARSD 20:10:27, 20:10:28, and 20:10:29, we are submitting, on behalf of Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company, their 2003 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study Filing.

On behalf of Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company, and in accordance with rules ARSD 20:10:01:39 through 20:10:01:45(1), Heartland Consulting requests confidentiality for any and all information provided to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission pertaining to the 2003 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study Filing. All information has been labeled confidential and should be treated accordingly.

In accordance with rule ARSD 20:10:01:41 (2)

It is requested that the aforementioned information maintain confidentiality status for a five-year time frame.

In accordance with rule ARSD 20:10:01:41 (3)

The contact for the confidentiality request is as follows:

Larry Hettinger Heartland Consulting 1001 Innovative Drive Mitchell, SD 57301 (605) 995-6120

We will supply the additional copies and supporting data in a few days.

If you should have any questions regarding the information provided, please feel free to contact me at (605) 995-6120.

Sincerely,

Larry Hettinger, Heartland Consulting

larryhettinger@goldenwest.com

LEH:ch Enclosure

cc: Mr. Dennis Law, Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company

CONFIDENTIAL

#